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THE PENSION OFFICE

Commissioner Raum Files His Annual Report.

He Defends His Completed Files Order.

Gratifying Changes for the Better Shown in the Workings of the Pension Bureau.

WASHINGTON, October 6.—The annual report of Pension Commissioner Raum shows that there was at the end of the last fiscal year, 537,944 pensioners upon the rolls, classified as follows: Army invalid pensioners, 362,809; army widows, minor children and dependent relatives, 104,456; navy invalid pensioners, 5274; navy widows, minor children and dependent relatives, 2460; survivors of the war of 1812, 8610; survivors of the Mexican war, 17,158; widows of soldiers of the Mexican war, 6764.

There were 66,637 original claims allowed during the year, being 14,716 more original claims than were allowed during the fiscal year 1889 and 6385 more than were allowed during the fiscal year 1888. The amount of first payment in these 66,637 original claims amounted to \$32,478,041, being \$11,036,492 more than the first payments on the original claims allowed during the fiscal year 1889 and \$10,179,225 more than in 1888.

Of the system of "completed files" organized by him, the Commissioner says in part: "Under the system of completed files the claimant has a right, upon proper certification that his claim is complete, to have it immediately placed upon the completed files and taken in order for adjudication. Claims placed upon the 'completed file' are taken up within a week for action, and if found complete are immediately forwarded. If proofs are lacking, a call is immediately made upon the claimant to supply the deficiency and upon receipt of the required evidence the claim is again taken up for consideration."

"Up to the last day of June, 1889, 761 claims were placed upon the completed files upon requests made upon behalf of claimants. This system has had the effect of enabling many thousands of claimants whose claims have been pending for from five to twenty years to bring their claims to the attention of the Bureau for adjudication and allowance, and complaints of delay have been reduced to a minimum. This system throws the responsibility upon the claimant and his attorney of having the claim adjudicated, and has proved more satisfactory than the old system of leaving the selection of claims for adjudication to the discretion of the file clerks."

As a result of these changes in business methods of the office more has been accomplished in a shorter time than ever has been performed before.

"On October 25, 1889, when I took charge of the office, the work of adjudicating claims and issuing certificates had for a period from July 1, 1889, fallen far behind the same period for the previous fiscal year; while from October 30, 1889, to June 30, 1890, there was an increase in the adjudication of claims and issuing of certificates greatly in excess of the same period of the preceding fiscal year."

"This is shown by the following statement of work done: Total number of certificates issued for the year ending June 30, 1889, 151,659; total number of certificates issued for the year ending June 30, 1890, 145,202; increase in 1890 over 1889, 6396. Total original certificates issued in the year ending June 30, 1890, 66,637; total original certificates issued for the year ending June 30, 1889, 51,890; increase, 14,747."

"This great amount of work was accomplished by distributing clerks, who composed a board of review, amongst other divisions and calling in forty special examiners from the field, thus adding eighty persons to the force engaged in the adjudication of claims, and particularly by concentrating the work of the office for five days in the week upon the adjudication of claims, as provided for in order number 149, creating a system of 'completed files.' In June last I detailed 116 persons as an additional force for special examination, making in all 333 on duty in the field. As a result of these efforts, the number of cases now in the hands of the special examination division has been reduced from 14,425 to 7284. Of these only about 5000 are in the hands of special examiners, the others being in transit to and from the office."

The Commissioner invited attention to the difference in the amount between the rate of \$30 per month granted by the act of March 3, 1883, to pensioners so disabled as to be incapacitated for manual labor, and of \$72 per month granted by act of March 4, 1890, to pensioners who require the regular aid and attendance of another person. There are many claimants entirely incapacitated for manual labor who periodically require the aid and attendance of other persons but who are unable to establish the fact of a requirement of constant aid and attendance. He recommends that a rate of \$50 per month be created for them.

There have been received 460,282 claims up to September 30, under the disability pension act of June 27. The care of such an enormous number of claims received in so short a time has necessarily taxed the resources of the office to the fullest extent. The work of the mail division ran up to more than 32,000 pieces of mail per day, to be opened, classified and properly disposed of. At this writing (October 1) the division is handling 10,000 claims a day.

It is believed there are probably 100,000 claims in the office which can be properly allowed under the provisions of the regulations approved September 16, 1890.

In conclusion the Commissioner says that the act of June, 1890, is the first disability law in the history of a world which granted to soldiers and sailors pensions for disabilities not

proved to have been incurred in service. "Nothing shall be left undone by this Bureau to give effect to this latest expression of the gratitude among the people to the soldiers who saved the Republic."

REGENERATE KENTUCKY.

Covington Elects the First Republican Mayor for Twenty-five Years.

CINCINNATI, October 6.—The election in Covington, Ky., was conducted by a ballot somewhat similar to the Australian system.

As a result of the election Mayor T. J. Thomas, Republican, was chosen by a majority of 166. The Republicans also elected the City Weigher, three out of five Aldermen, and five of the ten members of the School Board. The Democrats elected their Assessor. This is the first Republican Mayor in twenty-five years.

TIN PLATE FACTORY.

Extensive Works To Be Established in Chicago at an Early Day.

CHICAGO, October 6.—A morning paper says it is now definitely ascertained that plans for the establishment of an extensive tin plate manufacturing in Chicago have been formed.

The concern will be capitalized for \$4,500,000 and will give employment to 3500 men. The tin ore will be obtained from the Black Hills and North Carolina. Armour, Swift and other large makers of canned meats are said to be among the promoters.

TRouble DENIED.

THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA REPORTED TO BE STABLE.

Inquiry Caused by a Cable Dispatch to the Effect That the Country Is on the Verge of a Revolution.

CHICAGO, October 6.—The Daily News Washington special says:

General Peraza, the Venezuelan Minister, was seen this afternoon regarding a sensational cable from Caracas. It says that Venezuela is on the verge of a revolution and that efforts are being made to upset the government of President Palacios and bring back from Paris ex-President Blanco. The dispatch concludes with the declaration that Peraza is about to be removed from the mission here because he published in a New York magazine a map showing England as the possessor of the disputed Guiana territory, which Venezuela is trying to hold.

Peraza made short work of the cable by showing a letter just received from the President of Venezuela. It was written September 26, and contains the most cordial expressions of good will. President Palacios concludes by saying that the Republic was never in a more stable condition.

Peraza feels that the cable referred to was a scare emanating from some malicious source. As to the map used in the New York magazine, Peraza said that it appeared eight months ago and that the mistake in using it was fully explained at the time. He wanted to show the route of the proposed inter-American railroad and for this purpose utilized the first South American map available. Great Britain makes these maps and they therefore show the lines of territory as that Government seeks to locate them.

A YOUNG PRODIGAL.

Suicided Because He Was Not Allowed to Squander an Estate.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., October 6.—Justin Glenn, a young man of this city, committed suicide last night by plunging his head foremost from a window.

His widowed mother died in August. By the terms of her will her son was to have an allowance of \$100 a month, in addition to his living expenses. This amount was not sufficient to satisfy his fancy and was quickly spent each month.

Last night when he retired to his room he took out the will and pored over it for hours, reading the clause which kept the property out of his hands. This morning a policeman found his dead body stretched on the sidewalk under the window. The skull and neck were broken and the stiffened fingers of his right hand grasped crumpled pieces of the will.

STRIKE ENDED.

Cigarmakers at Birmingham Return to Their Employment.

BIRMINGHAM, N. Y., October 6.—The long and bitter struggle between the cigarmakers and employers here ended tonight. The men decided to declare the strike off.

The fight was the most disastrous one ever experienced here. Two factories have been compelled to make assignments and on the other side there was much suffering among the impoverished strikers. About 3000 employes were out.

NATIONAL PRODUCE.

Visible Supply of Grain in the Markets of the United States.

NEW YORK, October 6.—The visible supply of wheat is 17,079,000 bushels, an increase of 229,000 bushels. Corn, 8,731,000 bushels, an increase of 92,000. Oats, 4,020,000 bushels, a decrease of 98,000. Rye, 584,000 bushels, an increase of 700. Barley, 3,231,000 bushels, an increase of \$40,000.

The City of Coronado.

SAN DIEGO, October 6.—The vote today on the question of segregation of Coronado from San Diego resulted in a victory for the Coronado people, by a majority of 482. Coronado is now an independent city.

WASHINGTON JOTTINGS

Report of the Governor of New Mexico.

A Strong Demand Given for Statehood.

Census Announcements Made for the States of Indiana, Michigan and California.

WASHINGTON, October 6.—The issue of silver from the mints during the week ended October 3 was \$901,524. The issue of standard silver dollars during a corresponding period last year was \$1,254,025. Shipments of fractional silver coin during September were \$1,682,868. Census announcements were made today as follows: Indiana, 2,189,030; increase in the past ten years, 210,729. Michigan, 1,089,792; increase, 452,855. New Mexico, 144,882; increase, 25,207. California, 1,204,002; increase, 339,308. City of Santa Rosa, Cal., 5216; increase, 1000. City of Vallejo, 5804; decrease, 83. Assistant Secretary Spaulding has telegraphed the Collector of Customs at Port Townsend, Wash., to receive from the United States Marshal for that district all Chinese in his custody who have been convicted of illegal entry into the United States and cause their return to China at the government's expense. Secretary Proctor has issued an order setting aside the unoccupied military post at Fort McDowell, Ariz., together with the buildings and appurtenances for Indian school purposes.

NEW MEXICO.

Annual Report of Governor Prince to the Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, October 6.—Governor Prince, of New Mexico, in his annual report, makes an earnest appeal for the settlement of the question of land titles in that Territory. Of 213 grants presented to the Surveyor-General for action, testimony has been taken in 102 and reports made to the Interior Department. Previous to 1870, Congress acted upon only forty-four of these cases and during the next decade has acted upon but 1, and since 1879 has not attempted to consider any case whatever. The plan of having Congress act upon these claims he says, is a failure.

During the year, entries on public lands aggregated 17,734, of which 423 were homesteads and 639 preemptions. The total assessed valuation of property within the Territory is \$46,041,010, and the Territorial indebtedness is \$870,000.

Crops of all kinds are fully up to the average, and a larger acreage will be planted this year than ever before. The cattle industry has improved of late, and sheep owners also have had a good year.

The mining industry is in a flourishing condition. The total output of gold, silver, lead and copper aggregated over \$4,000,000.

The Governor in conclusion makes a strong plea for Statehood and says that none of the Territories recently admitted compare with New Mexico in population, wealth, intelligence or in every quality necessary to build up prosperous Statehood.

OFF OF A TOUR.

President Harrison to Attend a Number of Grand Army Gatherings.

WASHINGTON, October 6.—President Harrison left Washington this morning to attend Grand Army reunions at Galesburg, Topeka and Kansas City, and incidentally visit St. Louis, Indianapolis, Peoria and other cities enroute.

STANTON, Va., October 6.—President Harrison and party were met at the station this evening by a large gathering of citizens. The President appeared on the platform of his car, and was greeted with hearty cheers and music.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, October 6.—The President today appointed Charles Dougherty, of Pennsylvania, Assistant Secretary of Legation to Mexico; H. Remsen, of White House, N. Y., Secretary of Legation to Italy.

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, October 6.—Commodore Ramsey, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, has been designated to act as Secretary of the Navy during the absence of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

National Bank Report Called For.

WASHINGTON, October 6.—The Comptroller of the Currency has called for a report of the condition of the National Banks, at the close of business Thursday, October 2.

PROMINENT CALIFORNIAN DEAD.

Robert P. Hastings, the Well-Known Lawyer, Passes Away.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 6.—Robert P. Hastings, the well-known attorney and ex-School Director, died suddenly yesterday at his home in this city. Deceased leaves a widow and two children. He was the son of ex-Judge S. C. Hastings, founder of the Hastings Law College, and at the time of his death was one of the Directors of the school. He was the Democratic nominee for Congress against W. W. Morrow in 1884.

RETIRED FROM BUSINESS.

A Big California Insurance Company Winding Up Its Business.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 6.—The Anglo-Nevada Assurance Corporation, which recently disposed of its Eastern business to the Caledonian Insurance Company, of Edinburgh, has disposed of the remainder of its business to the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company. Jeffrey Beaman, the New York representative of the latter com-

pany, has been in this city some time, and the details of the transfer were completed Saturday.

The Anglo-Nevada will retire from business as soon as its affairs can be formally disposed of, and Colonel William McDonald, at present Vice-President of the Anglo-Nevada, will become the manager of the London and Lancashire Company's insurance business in this city.

The business of the Anglo-Nevada, which was transferred to the Caledonian Company, amounted to \$900,000 annually in premiums, and the premiums which are now transferred to the London and Lancashire amount to \$550,000 annually.

The officers of the Anglo-Nevada state that their reason for retiring from business is that their capital stock, which is \$2,000,000, is too large for the amount of business they transacted and that a capital of \$1,000,000 would have been all that was necessary.

STILL AT LARGE.

"The Kid" Heard From in the Mountains Near Fort Thomas.

TUCSON, October 6.—Information was received this morning that Kid in the mountains near Fort Thomas had shot a young White Mountain Apache. He said the whites and Indians had killed all his friends and he wanted, therefore, to kill everybody he met.

An unconfirmed telegram from San Carlos states that six axots have been killed by the Kid.

German-Americans Celebrate.

BALTIMORE, October 6.—Today the German-Americans of this city celebrated in memory of the men who, more than 200 years ago, founded the first German colony in America. There was a large parade and a crowded mass meeting. Patriotic speeches and songs were rendered.

IN BEHRING SEA.

WHY THE SEALING SCHOONERS' CREW WERE FIRED ON.

Five Russian War Vessels Cruising in the Sea to Pick Up All Poachers Found Within the Limits.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 6.—The steamer Alexander, which arrived Sunday night from Siberia, brought further news concerning the firing upon of the crew of the schooner C. G. White, off Copper Island.

The officers of the Alexander say that when the schooner appeared off Copper Island she sent six shots toward the beach. They were warned away, but no attention was paid to the warning, and, as the sealers persisted in trying to land, they were fired upon by the guards, first with blank, then with ball cartridges.

The Alexander brought down 9700 seal skins from Alaska.

The Commercial Company's contract with the Russian Government having expired, will be renewed for ten instead of seven years. A number of American vessels at Yokohama and other Japanese ports are fitting out vessels to go seal hunting under British, German and American flags next year. The Russian Government proposes to protect the rookeries. Five Russian war vessels are now cruising in Behring Sea, with instructions to peremptorily seize any vessel found seal hunting within the prescribed shore limit, which is five miles. It is stated the vessels which recently started on a sealing cruise will not cruise in Behring Sea proper, but they will station themselves at a narrow pass called Umalah, through which the seals run on their way to the rookeries and there slaughter them by the wholesale. A knowledge of this fact influenced the Alaska company in making a contract for ten years, instead of for twenty, as heretofore, as the Siberian rookeries will suffer severely.

BURNING WOODS.

Progress of the Forest Fire Near Sonoma, California, at Last Stated.

SONOMA, Cal., October 6.—The forest fire is now completely under control and no further danger is apprehended of its spreading. About fifty citizens of Sonoma responded to the cry for assistance from ranchers in the path of the fire and bravely fought the flames all day yesterday and last night. The fire spread over an area some twelve miles in length and six in breadth.

An aged couple, by the name of Cook, living three miles from town, had a narrow escape from being burned to death. They were at their ranch Saturday and completely surrounded by flames, the fire being within 100 yards of the house. A deep creek on the north and west of their habitation is all that saved them.

Your correspondent rode over the burned district today, and it presents a scene of desolation hard to describe. Fences are burned down, valuable timber destroyed and thousands upon thousands of acres of feed destroyed. The weather today is very warm.

CASH SATISFACTION.

A Woman Sues Another for Alienating Her Husband's Affection.

NEW YORK, October 6.—Mrs. Ada Richardson obtained a verdict before a Sheriff's jury today for \$20,000 for the alienation of the affection of her husband, David C. Richardson, to whom she was married in 1874.

They lived happily until 1881, when he began to neglect her for Mrs. Ella T. Burt, whose husband is George A. Burt. Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Burt both have cattle ranches in Texas and are supposed to be there at present. Mr. Burt is understood to have business interests in Peru.

Picked a Blast With Fatal Results.

DOWNEVILLE, California, October 6.—Last Friday, while Charles Vaughan was at work in the Bella Union tunnel, near this place, picking out a blast that had failed to explode, the powder ignited and he was blown to pieces. T. Clark had an arm and fingers broken and was otherwise severely injured.

AMEND THEIR FAITH

Mormons Acquiesce in the Court's Decision.

Declare Willingness to Obey the Law.

Inez Coulter Tells How the Church Flourishes on the Labor of Its Adherents.

SALT LAKE, October 6.—At the general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints this morning the official declaration of President Woodruff forbidding in the future any marriage in violation of the laws of the land was read and the congregation, numbering nearly 10,000 persons, including apostles, bishops and elders of the church, by unanimous vote recognized the authority of the President to issue the manifesto, and accepted it as authoritative and binding.

George Q. Cannon publicly announced his endorsement of the manifesto and his recognition of the supremacy of the laws that have been declared constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The conference also readopted the original articles of faith, among which is this: "We believe in things subject to Kings, Presidents and Magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining law."

The action taken settles the vexed question and places an effectual bar against future polygamous marriages in Utah. It is the most important step taken by the Church for more than a quarter of a century.

MISS COULTER'S STATEMENT.

She Explains How the Mormon Church Treats Converts When in Zion.

NEW YORK, October 6.—Inez Coulter, of Grove City, Pa., who recently arrived from Salt Lake, where she had been doing missionary work, submitted a statement to General James R. Oberine, Superintendent of Immigration, with a view of aiding those interested in stopping the immigration of Mormon converts to this country.

Among other things, she says, the Church promises to aid in their support. Instead of this they are housed like animals in miserable little adobe huts. Upon the grinding labor of such converts the Mormon Church flourishes. They have to pay one-tenth of all they possess and one-tenth of all they earn to support the church.

IN OKLAHOMA.

No Settlement Reached in the Capital Site Dispute.

KANSAS CITY, October 6.—A Guthrie dispatch says that excitement over the Capital location question still continues. The President will not sign the bill locating the Capital in Oklahoma City inasmuch as Speaker Daniels contests the legality of his (Daniels') signature. The question was not brought up today owing to possibilities of a conflict between the opposition forces.

Speaker Daniels went to Oklahoma City his home, Saturday, and has not returned to Guthrie. A dispatch from that place says that Daniels has received several anonymous letters threatening his life should he ever return to Guthrie.

GALE AT SEATTLE.

Much Damage Done—Two Horses Killed by Electric Light Wires.

SEATTLE, October 6.—The highest wind known for years blew here today from early in the morning till late in the afternoon. Several large panes of plate glass were broken by flying signs, the roofs of several temporarily constructed buildings were blown off and the harbor was unsafe for small boats.

Clark's new steam barge and the Occidental Tug and Barge Company's barge Occident pounded together at the wharf. The former was damaged over \$1000 and the latter about \$700.

In North Seattle R. E. Johnson, a hack driver, drove his team over a live electric cable which had been knocked down from the poles and both horses were instantly killed. Telephone wires are considerably damaged.

KILLED IN A BOXING MATCH.

Defendant La Rue Says the Fight Was Simply to Settle a Dispute.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 6.—The trial of the prize fighter La Rue for killing C. McBride at the Golden Gate Club, was resumed again today before Judge Shafter and a jury.

Doctor Estes gave testimony for the prosecution, which then rested the case for the people. Several witnesses were called for the defense, including the defendant. Their testimony was to the effect that the contest between the men was farcical. La Rue stated that he and McBride were drinking together and that they had a little dispute, which they concluded to settle by putting on the gloves, to decide which was the best man. The Court then took a recess.

ROBINSON'S CIRCUS.

To Exhibit in Phoenix This Afternoon and Evening.

Robinson's great circus arrived by special train at an early hour this morning. It came in two sections, one of sixteen and the other of eighteen cars, each section being drawn by two powerful locomotives.

The work of unloading was at once commenced and the tents will soon be in position upon the location selected, on Center street, just south of the city boundary.

This will be the first real circus that has ever visited Phoenix, plying with insignificance the other affairs of the kind that have set their tents here before. The San Francisco newspapers

called it the best that has ever been seen in that city. Its staff of performers is a very large one, accommodations for fifty-two having been engaged at the Commercial Hotel alone.

The whole county will be in town to witness the great street parade at 10 o'clock this morning. Performances at 2 and 7:30 p. m.

A MISSING COLLECTOR.

Fearful by His Friends That He Has Committed Suicide.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE REPUBLICAN. TUCSON, October 6.—City Collector George Ferter is missing. Some of his friends express a belief that he has committed suicide.

A shortage in his accounts is reported.

San Francisco Produce.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE REPUBLICAN. SAN FRANCISCO, October 6.—The following are the market quotations on the articles named: Sweet potatoes \$1.00 @ 1.12%; in sacks; \$1.25 @ \$1.37%; in boxes. Raisins command for London layers, \$1.75 @ \$2.15; dried grapes, \$3.12 @ \$3.34 cents.

Curious Remedy for Conspiracy.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 6.—The authorities here, having become convinced that a conspiracy is on foot against the government and that the conspirators are using the mails for the furtherance of the plot, have issued orders suspending the local postal service.

A New Comet.

LICK OBSERVATORY, via San Jose, Cal., October 6.—A faint comet was discovered by Prof. E. E. Barnard, at the Lick Observatory, at 3:46 this evening. Its position was right ascension, 19 hours, 12 minutes, 6 degrees south, motion easterly.

THE COUNTY FATHERS.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Regular Statements Rendered by County Officials—A Number of Salary Demands Audited and Allowed.

The Board of Supervisors met in regular quarterly session at 10 a. m. yesterday. Present, C. H. Slankard and W. T. Smith, members, and J. L. B. Alexander, Clerk.

The Treasurer came before the Board and made his quarterly statement of moneys received and disbursed by him during the last quarter, as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Taxes	\$1,447 55
Licenses	2,137 50
General	2,738 30
Salary Fund	2,338 40
Contingent Fund	102 38
Road Fund	60 74
Territorial Treasurer	13,962 42
Treasurer's Commissions	111 39
Total	\$28,929 66

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Schools	\$2,771 77
General	2,738 30
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Balance in Treasury on Oct. 1, 1890 \$4,662 99
The Tax Collector rendered his report, showing the collection and disbursement of \$706.97.

The County School Superintendent also made his report, showing warrants issued for school purposes to compare with the statement of the Treasurer.

At the afternoon session the statement of the Treasurer was approved and the following claims were allowed: J. L. B. Alexander, salary as Clerk, \$125; Frank Cox, salary as District Attorney, \$625; Frank Baxter, salary as Probate Judge, \$300; C. A. Slankard, per diem and mileage, \$292.20; W. T. Smith, per diem, \$222.80.

Board then adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. today.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Regular Monthly Meeting—The Sewer Franchise Matter Laid Over.

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